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SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN AND OTHER GUNS SEND BUTLER COUNTY DRUG USER TO FEDERAL PRISON

SIOUX CITY, Iowa -- United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today an Aplington, Iowa, man was sentenced May 8, 2007, to more than four years in federal prison.

JUSTIN KREISEL, age 22, from Aplington, received the prison term May 8, 2007, after February 12, 2007, guilty pleas to three firearms charges. These were two counts of knowingly possessing firearms and ammunition while being an unlawful user of controlled substances and one count of knowingly possessing a sawed-off shotgun.

Late on April 17, 2006, law enforcement officers found **KREISEL'S** apparently abandoned vehicle at a business in Aplington. Officers saw a small amount of marijuana and a marijuana pipe in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed and inventoried, and a sawed-off shotgun was discovered in the trunk.

On May 5, 2006, **KREISEL'S** home was searched. Drug paraphernalia, trace amounts of methamphetamine and marijuana, and four additional firearms were found in **KREISEL'S** room.

These federal crimes were not **KREISEL'S** first brush with the law. In 2004, he attacked a man with a baseball bat. In 2005, he drove a man into the country and then he and another man beat their victim. In 2006, he threatened to kill the Butler County sheriff and the sheriff's family.

KREISEL was sentenced in Sioux City, Iowa, by United States District Court Judge Mark W. Bennett. **KREISEL** was sentenced to 52 months' imprisonment on each count. The terms of imprisonment will run concurrently with each other but consecutively to whatever sentence is imposed for the 2005 state charge. A special assessment of \$300 was imposed, and he must also serve a 3-year term of supervised release after his prison term. There is no parole in the federal system.

KREISEL is being held in the United States Marshals custody until he can be transported to a federal prison.

KREISEL was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a cooperative local, state, and federal initiatives aimed at the enhanced prosecution of gun crimes. The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Deputies of the Butler County Sheriff's Office; and Officers of the Aplington, Iowa, Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Forde Fairchild.